WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information display system comprising:

a display unit including a plurality of display areas into which a predetermined area is divided;

5   an operation unit indicating an item of information to be displayed in each of said display areas;

an acquiring unit acquiring the specified item of information; and

a control unit having the acquired information displayed

10   in said corresponding display area.

2. An information display system according to claim 1, wherein said acquiring unit includes a communication unit and acquires the information by accessing a network.

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3. An information display system according to claim 1, further comprising a history storing module storing display histories of items of information displayed,

wherein the items of information stored as the display

20   histories are displayed in a predetermined order in said respective display areas.

4. An information display system according to claim 1, wherein when a first item of information displayed in a first

25   display area is related to a second item of information, and when giving an indication of displaying the second item of information, the second item of information is displayed in a

second display area while keeping the display of the first item of information in said first display area.

5. An information display system according to claim 4, wherein the first item of information is related to the second item of information by use of a specified keyword, and
when the keyword is dragged and dropped to said second display area, the second item of information is displayed.

6. An information display system according to claim 1, wherein said display unit displays identifying information for identifying said display area,
said control unit, when the identifying information corresponding to the display area is specified through said operation unit, enlarges said display area corresponding to the identifying information and displays only said single display area.

7. An information display system according to claim 6, wherein the identifying information is displayed within said display area identified by the identifying information,
when said operation unit detects an indicating operation with respect to the identifying information, said display area corresponding to the identifying information is enlarged.

8. An information display system according to claim 6, wherein when said operation unit detects an indication operation

with respect to the identifying information, said enlarged single display area is changed into a plurality of display areas.

9. An information display system comprising:

5   a display unit displaying a turn object which includes an indicator, indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, turning about the center of the circumferential shape;

10   a detection unit detecting an operation of said operation unit with respect to said turn object; and

a control unit turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation.

15   10. An information display system according to claim 9, wherein said operation unit is a pointing device having at least two pieces of buttons, and

said indicator turns counterclockwise by depressing said first button and turns clockwise by depressing said second

20 button.

11. An information display system according to claim 10, wherein said two buttons are right and left buttons,

said first button is the left button, and

25   said second button is the right button.

12. An information display system comprising:

a communication unit obtaining information by accessing a network;

a display unit displaying the information obtained;

a correspondence storage module making an item of

5 identifying information correspond to a specified item of information; and

a control unit displaying, in a display area, the information obtained from the network via said communication unit,

10 wherein said display unit includes a display area for displaying the information and a turn object having an indicator, indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, turning about the center of the

15 circumferential shape, and

said control unit detects an operation of said operation unit with respect to said turn object, turns said indicator in accordance with the operation of said operation unit, and displays the information corresponding to the identifying

20 information indicated in a position to which said indicator is turned.

13. An information display system according to claim 12, wherein said turn object has pieces of information arranged along

25 said substantially circumferential shape and each representing the number of divisions by which the display area of said display unit is divided, and

when said indicator is turned to the position of indicating the information representing the number of divisions, the display area is divided by this number of divisions, and plural items of information are displayed in the divided display areas.

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14. An information display system comprising:

a display unit displaying an object including an indicator for indicating any one piece of identifying information among plural pieces of identifying information;

10   a detection unit detecting a content of an indicating operation of an operation unit with respect to said object; and

a control unit changing the indication of identifying information indicated by said indicator in accordance with the detected content of the indicating operation.

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15. An information display system comprising:

a display unit displaying an object displayed on a screen and serving as an operation target; and

a control unit detecting an indicating operation with an
20   operation unit with respect to said object, and changing a display mode of displaying said object on said display unit in accordance with the indicating operation thereof,

wherein said object is moved and displayed in a second display position by the indicating operation with respect to
25   said object displayed in a first display position.

16. An information display system according to claim 15,

wherein said operation unit is a mouse, and

the indicating operation is a click on said object.

17. An information display system according to claim 15,
wherein said operation unit is a touch panel, and

the indicating operation is one-touch operation on said object.

18. An information display system according to claim 15,
wherein said operation unit is a remote controller having a push button, and

the indicating operation is a pushing operation on the push button.

19. A storage medium readable by a machine, tangible embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps comprising:

forming a plurality of display areas into which a predetermined area is divided;

specifying information to be displayed in the display area;

obtaining a specified item of information; and

displaying the obtained information in the display area corresponding thereto.

20. A readable-by-computer recording medium recorded with a program, executed by a computer according to claim 19, further comprising obtaining the information by accessing a network.

21. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 19, of instructions executable by the machine, the method steps further comprising

5 storing display histories of items of information displayed,

wherein the items of information stored as the display histories are displayed in a predetermined order in respective display areas.

10 22. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 19, of instructions executable by the machine, the method steps further comprising displaying the second item of information in a second display area while keeping the display of the first item of information

15 in said first display area, when a first item of information displayed in a first display area is related to a second item of information, and when giving an indication of displaying the second item of information.

20 23. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 22, of instructions executable by the machine, wherein the first item of information is related to the second item of information by use of a specified keyword, and

25 when the keyword is dragged and dropped to said second display area, the second item of information is displayed.

24. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 19, of instructions executable by the machine, the method steps further comprising:

displaying identifying information for identifying said

5   display area; and

detecting an operation with respect to the identifying information,

wherein when the identifying information corresponding to the display area is specified, said display area corresponding

10 to the identifying information is enlarged, and   only said single display area is displayed.

25. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 19, of instructions

15 executable by the machine, the method steps further comprising displaying the identifying information within said display area identified by the identifying information, and, when detecting an indicating operation with respect to the identifying information, enlarging said single display area corresponding

20 to the identifying information.

26. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 25, of instructions executable by the machine, wherein when detecting an indication

25 operation with respect to the identifying information, said enlarged single display area is changed into a plurality of display areas.

27. A storage medium readable by a machine, tangible embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps comprising:

5   displaying a turn object including an indicator, for indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, turning about the center of the circumferential shape;

10   detecting an operation with respect to said turn object; and

       turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation.

15   28. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 27, of instructions executable by the machine, wherein the operation is an operation of a pointing device having at least two pieces of buttons, and

       an indicator is turned counterclockwise by depressing said

20 first button and turned clockwise by depressing said second button.

       29. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 28, of instructions

25 executable by the machine, wherein said two buttons are right and left buttons,

       said first button is the left button, and

said second button is the right button.

30. A storage medium readable by a machine, tangible
embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine
5 to perform method steps comprising:

obtaining information by accessing a network;

forming a display area for displaying the information;

displaying a turn object having an indicator, for
indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces
10 of identifying information arranged along substantially a
circumferential shape, turning about the center of the
circumferential shape;

making the identifying information corresponding to a
specified item of information;

15 detecting an operation with respect to said turn object;

turning said indicator in accordance with the detected
operation; and

displaying, in said display area, the information
corresponding to the identifying information indicated in a
20 position to which said indicator is turned.

31. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible
embodying a program according to claim 30, of instructions
executable by the machine, wherein said turn object has pieces
25 of information arranged along substantially a circumferential
shape and each representing the number of divisions by which
the display area of said display unit is divided, and

when said indicator is turned to the position of indicating
the information representing the number of divisions, the display
area is divided by this number of divisions, and plural items
of information are displayed in the divided display areas.

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32. A storage medium readable by a machine, tangible
embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine
to perform method steps comprising:

displaying an object including an indicator for indicating
10 any one piece of identifying information among plural pieces
of identifying information;

detecting a content of an indicating operation with respect
to said object; and

changing indication of the identifying information
15 indicated by said indicator in accordance with the detected
content of the indicating operation.

33. A storage medium readable by a machine, tangible
embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine
20 to perform method steps comprising:

displaying an object displayed on a screen and serving
as an operation target;

detecting an indicating operation with respect to the
object; and

25 changing a display mode of displaying said object in
accordance with the indicating operation,

wherein said object is moved and displayed in a second

display position when detecting the indicating operation with respect to said object displayed in a first display position.

34. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 33, of instructions executable by the machine, wherein said computer includes a mouse, and

the indicating operation is a click on said object.

35. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 33, of instructions executable by the machine, wherein said computer includes a touch panel, and

the indicating operation is one-touch operation on said object.

36. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 33, of instructions executable by the machine, wherein said computer includes a communication unit with a remote controller having a push button, and

the predetermined is a pushing operation on the push button.

37. An information display method comprising:

forming a plurality of display areas into which a predetermined area is divided;

specifying information to be displayed in the display area ;

obtaining a specified item of information; and

displaying the obtained information in the display area
5   corresponding thereto.

38. An information display method according to claim 37, further comprising obtaining the information by accessing a network.

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39. An information display method according to claim 37, further comprising storing display histories of items of information displayed,

wherein the items of information stored as the display
15   histories are displayed in a predetermined order in respective display areas.

40. An information display method according to claim 37, further comprising, when a first item of information displayed
20   in a first display area is related to a second item of information, and when giving an indication of displaying the second item of information, displaying the second item of information in a second display area while keeping the display of the first item of information in said first display area.

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41. An information display method according to claim 40, wherein the first item of information is related to the second

item of information by use of a specified keyword, and

when the keyword is dragged and dropped to said second

display area, the second item of information is displayed.

5   42. An information display method according to claim 37,

further comprising:

displaying identifying information for identifying said

display area, and

detecting an operation with respect to the identifying

10   information,

wherein when the identifying information corresponding

to the display area is specified, said display area corresponding

to the identifying information is enlarged, and   only said single

display area is displayed.

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43. An information display method according to claim 37,

further comprising displaying the identifying information

within said display area identified by the identifying

information, and, when detecting an indicating operation with

20   respect to the identifying information, enlarging said single

display area corresponding to the identifying information.

44. An information display method according to claim 43,

wherein when detecting an indication operation with respect to

25   the identifying information , said enlarged single display area

is changed into a plurality of display areas.

45. An information display method comprising:

displaying a turn object including an indicator, for indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a

5 circumferential shape, turning about the center of the circumferential shape;

detecting an operation with respect to said turn object ; and

turning said indicator in accordance with the detected

10 operation.

46. An information display method according to claim 45, wherein the operation is an operation of a pointing device having at least two pieces of buttons, and

15 an indicator is turned counterclockwise by depressing said first button and turned clockwise by depressing said second button.

47. An information display method according to claim 46,

20 wherein said two buttons are right and left buttons,

said first button is the left button, and

said second button is the right button.

48. An information display method comprising:

25 obtaining information by accessing a network;

forming a display area for displaying the information;

displaying a turn object having an indicator, for

indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, turning about the center of the circumferential shape;

5   making the identifying information corresponding to a specified item of information;

detecting an operation with respect to said turn object ;

turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation; and

10   displaying, in said display area, the information corresponding to the identifying information indicated in a position to which said indicator is turned.

49. An information display method according to claim 48,
15   wherein said turn object has pieces of information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape and each representing the number of divisions by which the display area of said display unit is divided, and

when said indicator is turned to the position of indicating
20   the information representing the number of divisions, the display area is divided by this number of divisions, and plural items of information are displayed in the divided display areas.

50. An information display method comprising:
25   displaying an object including an indicator for indicating any one piece of identifying information among plural pieces of identifying information;

detecting a content of an indicating operation with respect to said object; and

changing indication of the identifying information indicated by said indicator in accordance with the detected

5   content of the indicating operation.

51. An information display method using a computer comprising:

displaying an object displayed on a screen and serving

10   as an operation target;

detecting an indicating operation with respect to the object; and

changing a display mode of displaying said object in accordance with the indicating operation,

15   wherein said object is moved and displayed in a second display position when detecting the indicating operation with respect to said object displayed in a first display position.

52. An information display method according to claim 51,

20   wherein said computer includes a mouse, and

the indicating operation is a click on said object.

53. An information display method according to claim 51, wherein said computer includes a touch panel, and

25   the indicating operation is one-touch operation on said object.

54. An information display method according to claim 51, wherein said computer includes a communication unit with a remote controller having a push button, and

the predetermined is a pushing operation on the push

5   button.